

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4-10, 15-16, 23, 25-32, and 35 as follow below.

Please add new claim 37 as follows below.

The following claim listing replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIMS

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method of selling an item or
2 service to a guest at a point-of-sales (POS) terminal within
3 a coverage area, the method comprising:
4 reading an identification tag worn by a guest to
5 obtain a tag identifier;
6 accessing a guest data object stored in a server
7 using said tag identifier; and
8 modifying monetary credits information by a sales
9 amount of said item or service, said monetary credits
10 information stored in said server within a monetary
11 credits data field of said guest data object ~~by a sales~~
12 ~~amount of said item or service.~~

1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein
2 said identification tag comprises a radio
3 frequency identification (RFID) tag.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein

2 reading said identification tag comprises using an
3 RFID reader to read said tag identifier from said RFID
4 tag.

1 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein
2 accessing said guest data object comprises
3 a processor of said server retrieving said
4 guest data object stored in a non-volatile memory
5 of said server.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein
2 modifying said sales amount comprises
3 a processor of said server modifying said
4 monetary credits information stored in said
5 monetary credits data field of said guest data
6 object stored in said server.

1 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further
2 comprising:
3 transmitting said tag identifier and said sales
4 amount from ~~a point of sale (POS) system~~ said POS
5 terminal to ~~a central~~ said server by way of a
6 communications link.

1 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further
2 comprising:
3 transmitting information related to said item or
4 service description from said POS terminal ~~system~~ to
5 said ~~[[central]]~~ server by way of said communications
6 link; and

7 updating a purchases data field of said guest data
8 object stored in said server with said item or service
9 description.

1 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further
2 comprising:

3 transmitting a digital guest photo from said
4 [[central]] server to said POS terminal system; and
5 transmitting a guest identification confirmation
6 message from said POS terminal system to said
7 [[central]] server if said digital guest photo contains
8 an image of said guest.

1 9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further
2 comprising:

3 transmitting a transaction confirmation from said
4 [[central]] server to said POS terminal system; and
5 printing sale confirmation information related to
6 said selling of said item or service on a sheet of
7 paper at said POS terminal system.

1 10. (Currently Amended) A point-of-sale (POS) system,
2 comprising:

3 a reader to read a tag identifier stored in an
4 identification tag worn by a guest at a coverage area;
5 an input device to receive information related to
6 an item or service to be purchased by said guest;
7 a network interface to communicate with a central
8 server; and

9 a processor coupled to said network interface,
10 said input device, and said reader, the processor
11 to cause a transmission of said tag
12 identifier and said ~~item or service~~ information to
13 said central server by way of said network
14 interface, and
15 to receive a completion of transaction
16 message from ~~the~~ said central server by way of ~~the~~
17 said network interface.

1 11. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim
2 10, wherein
3 said reader comprises a radio frequency
4 identification (RFID) reader.

1 12. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim
2 10, wherein
3 said input device comprises a keyboard.

1 13. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim
2 10, wherein
3 said input device comprises a touch screen input
4 device.

1 14. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim
2 10, wherein
3 said input device comprises a bar code scanner.

1 15. (Currently Amended) The point-of-sale (POS) system
2 of claim 10, further comprising:

3 a display for displaying information related to
4 the purchase of said item or service.

1 16. (Currently Amended) The point-of-sale (POS) system
2 of claim 10, further comprising:

3 a printer for generating documents containing
4 information related to the purchase of said item or
5 service.

1 17. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim
2 10, wherein

3 said information related to said item or service
4 comprises a sales amount of said item or service.

1 18. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim
2 10, wherein

3 said information related to said item or service
4 comprises a description of said item or service.

1 19. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim
2 10, wherein

3 said information related to said item or service
4 comprises an identification code of said item or
5 service.

1 20. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim
2 10, wherein

3 said processor is capable of receiving a digital
4 photograph of said guest and causing the display of
5 said digital photograph on a display 406.

1 21. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim
2 10, wherein

3 said processor is capable of receiving a digital
4 photograph of said guest from said central server by
5 way of said network interface and causing the display
6 of said digital photograph on a display.

1 22. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim
2 21, wherein

3 said processor is capable of prompting by way of
4 said display to confirm that said digital photograph is
5 of said guest and to cause the transmission of an
6 identification confirmation signal to said central
7 server by way of said network interface.

1 23. (Currently Amended) A central server to facilitate
2 transactions within a coverage area, comprising:

3 a non-volatile memory to store a guest data object
4 including a first data field containing information
5 related to monetary credits;

6 a network interface to communicate with [a] one or
7 more point-of-sale (POS) ~~system~~ systems; and

8 a processor coupled to the non-volatile memory and
9 the network interface, the processor

10 to receive information related to a guest of
11 said coverage area and information related to an
12 item or service being purchased, and

13 to modify said monetary credits information
14 stored in said non-volatile memory based on a
15 sales price of said item or service.

1 24. (Original) The central server of claim 23, wherein
2 said guest data object further includes
3 a second data field to contain information
4 related one or more items or services purchased by
5 said guest, and
6 wherein said processor causes a storing of said
7 information related to said item or service being
8 purchased into said second data field.

1 25. (Currently Amended) The central server of claim
2 23, wherein
3 said guest data object further includes
4 a second data field containing information
5 related to a digital photograph of said guest, and
6 wherein said processor causes a transmission of
7 said guest photograph to [[said]] at least one of said
8 one or more POS ~~system~~ systems by way of said network
9 interface.

1 26. (Currently Amended) A guest data object stored in
2 a memory of a server for selling an item or service to a
3 guest within a coverage area, the guest data object
4 comprising
5 a first data field containing an identifier of a
6 tag worn by a guest, and

7 a second data field containing information related
8 to monetary credits useful for making monetary
9 transactions within a coverage area,
10 wherein said guest data object is accessible by
11 way of said tag identifier.

1 27. (Currently Amended) The guest data object of claim
2 26, further comprising:

3 a third data field containing information related
4 to one or more items or services purchased by a guest
5 within a coverage area.

1 28. (Currently Amended) The guest data object of claim
2 26, further comprising:

3 a third data field containing information related
4 to an identifier of said guest.

1 29. (Currently Amended) A data structure stored in a
2 memory of a server for selling an item or service to a guest
3 within a coverage area, the data structure defining:

4 a first data field for containing an identifier of
5 a tag worn by a guest, and

6 a second data field for containing information
7 related to monetary credits useful for making monetary
8 transactions within a coverage area,

9 wherein said tag identifier is used to access a
10 guest data ~~objected~~ object created from said data
11 structure.

1 30. (Currently Amended) The data structure of claim
2 29, further defining:

3 a third data field for containing information
4 related to one or more items or services purchased by a
5 guest within a coverage area.

1 31. (Currently Amended) The data structure of claim
2 29, further defining:

3 a third data field for containing information
4 related to an identify of said guest.

1 32. (Currently Amended) A method of selling an item or
2 service to a guest [[at]] within a coverage area,
3 comprising:

4 providing a sales amount for purchasing an item or
5 service within a coverage area;

6 reading information related to monetary credits
7 for purchasing said item or service within said
8 coverage area from a tag worn by said guest; and

9 modifying said monetary credits information based
10 on [[a]] said sales amount [[of]] for purchasing said
11 item or service within said coverage area.

1 33. (Original) The method of claim 32, wherein
2 said tag further includes information related to
3 an identity of said guest.

1 34. (Original) The method of claim 32, wherein

2 said tag comprises a radio frequency
3 identification (RFID) tag.

1 35. (Currently Amended) A point-of-sale (POS) system
2 to sell an item or service to a guest within a coverage
3 area, the point-of-sale (POS) system comprising:
4 an input device to receive information related to
5 an item or service to be purchased by a guest within a
6 coverage area;
7 a reader/writer to read and modify information
8 related to monetary credits for making monetary
9 transaction within a coverage area, wherein said
10 information is stored on a radio frequency
11 identification (RFID) tag worn by said guest; and
12 a processor to receive said information related to
13 said item or service to be purchased and said
14 information related to said monetary credits, and to
15 cause said reader/writer to modify said information
16 related to said monetary credits based on said
17 information related to said item or service to be
18 purchased.

1 36. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim
2 35, wherein
3 said reader/writer comprises a radio frequency
4 identification (RFID) reader/writer.

1 37. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein
2 said server is a central server including
3 a processor,

4 a non-volatile memory coupled to said
5 processor, and
6 a network interface coupled between said
7 processor and said POS terminal.